



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 371

LCO No. 1851

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROBATE JUDGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (g) and (h) of section 5-259 of the general
2 statutes, as amended by section 7 of public act 09-114, are repealed and
3 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 5, 2011*):

4 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
5 the Probate Court Administration Fund established in accordance with
6 section 45a-82, shall pay for each probate judge and each probate court
7 employee not more than one hundred per cent of the portion of the
8 premium charged for the judge's or employee's individual coverage
9 and not more than fifty per cent of any additional cost for the judge's
10 or employee's form of coverage. The remainder of the premium for
11 such coverage shall be paid by the probate judge or probate court
12 employee to the State Treasurer. Payment shall be credited by the State
13 Treasurer to the fund established by section 45a-82. The total
14 premiums payable shall be remitted by the Probate Court
15 Administrator directly to the insurance company or companies or
16 nonprofit organization or organizations providing the coverage. The

17 Probate Court Administrator shall issue regulations governing group
18 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance pursuant to
19 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 45a-77.

20 (h) For the purpose of subsection (g) of this section, "probate judge"
21 or "judge" means a duly elected probate judge who works in such
22 judge's capacity as a probate judge at least [twenty] forty hours per
23 week, on average, on a quarterly basis and certifies to that fact on
24 forms provided by and filed with the Probate Court Administrator, on
25 or before the fifteenth day of April, July, October and January, for the
26 preceding calendar quarter; and "probate court employee" or
27 "employee" means a person employed by a probate court for at least
28 twenty hours per week.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	January 5, 2011	5-259(g) and (h)
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Statement of Purpose:

To require probate judges to work at least forty hours per week, on average, to qualify for health insurance benefits.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]